Survey on Traffic Chaos in Delhi

1521. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Times carried out a survey on the traffic chaos on the roads in Delhi through its daily esteem dated 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th June, 1995;

(b) if so, what were the salient matters brought out in those surveys; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government thereon to improve the traffic system in Delhi to reduce deaths on roads and to move the traffic systematically?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In a series of articles on Traffic in Delhi published in the Hindustan Times between 4th and 8th June, 1995, the general traffic scenario of South New Delhi areas were discussed at length. Probems at the round-about at Dhaula Kuan and the interesection near All India Institute of Medical Sciences were highlighted. Traffic congestion in Connaught Place and various places in East and West Delhi as well as parking problems of the city were commented upon. The articles also focused on the new plans envisaged by the Delhi Traffic Police.

(c) To improve the traffic system and reduce deaths on roads in Delhi, the Delhi Traffic Police has drawn up a comprehensive action plan. This plan envisages enforcement of traffic rules, education of the public in traffic rules, road safety measures and engineering works that would cover features like traffic signals, road dividers, designing road intersections, road markings, etc. The plan is in two parts. The first part is designed to have quick impact and second one contains suggestions that will help the traffic police maintain order on roads.

अमरकंटक को कलकत्ता तथा पश्चिम बंगाल तक राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग से जोड़ा जाना

1522. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार नर्मदा नदी के उद्गम, प्राकृतिक सौंदर्य तथा खनिज भंडार से संपन्न एवम् पवित्र तीर्थ स्थान अमरकंटक को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संख्या 7 से जबलपुर बरास्ता राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग जी. ई. से जोड़कर कलकत्ता तक राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग व्यवस्था से जोड़ने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) क्या यह सच नहीं है कि प्रस्तावित राजमार्ग वहां की अनुसूचित जनजाति की आर्थिक स्थिति में सुधार लाने में सहायक होगा क्योंकि इससे उनके जीवन में विकासात्मक प्रक्रिया आरंभ होगी तथा इस प्रकार गोंडवाने विकास के मार्ग पर अग्रसर होगा?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री

(श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) तथा (ख) निधियों के बहुत ही कम आबंटन को ध्यान में रखते हुए अमरकंटक को कलकत्ता जाने वाले राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग नेटवर्क से जोड़ने के लिए सरकार के विचाराधीन कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Provision of Anticipatory Bail in Cr. P.C.

1523. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Governemnt that the provision for anticipatory bail in Cr. P.C. has been misused by criminals; and

(b) if so, the action Government intend to take on this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Under the provisions for anticipatory bail in the Cr. P.C., the Courts may grant directions in the light of the facts and circumstances of a particular case. In Balchand Jain Vs. State of M.P. AIR 1977 SC 366, the Supreme Court has laid down that the power under section 438 of Cr. P.C. is of an extraordinary character and must be exercised sparingly and in exceptional cases only.

Study on wastage of fruits and vegetables

1524. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the annual waste in the production of fruits and vegetables due to lack of adequate food processing facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;